

KIRKBRIDE-PALMER HOUSE  
559 Palmer Farm Drive  
Yardley  
Bucks County  
Pennsylvania

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## ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Bucks	TOWN OR VICINITY Yardley
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) KIRKBRIDE-PALMER HOUSE		HABS NO. PA-5492
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 559 Palmer Farm Drive, Lower Makefield Township		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) early 18th century, possibly ca. 1720 (BCC inventory form)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The house's principal significance is embodied in its well preserved Georgian architecture as exhibited in the plaster cove cornice, symmetrical form and both Flemish & English brickwork. It also exhibits the additive quality indicative of early Bucks Co. architecture		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) vernacular, based on Georgian elements of style		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Bucks County fieldstone and brick laid in Flemish and English bond		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) There are 2, 2 story, 3 bay wide rectangularly shaped sections adjoining each other and a 1-1/2 story shed section.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE quoining effect in brick sections, English & Flemish bonded brick, plaster cove cornice, belt course and decorative molded brick above the entry in the brick section		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Original floor plan in brick section consisting of two rooms up & down with corner fireplaces; and large central summer beam. Large kitchen fireplace in stone section.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The brick section is original. To this was added the stone section, probably replacing an earlier kitchen (the stone addition has a large cooking fireplace). Later, during the late 19th century, the stone faced, frame, shed roof kitchen was added.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The structure is in very good condition, and is being used as a duplex.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The house is also of significance for its association the Kirkbride and Palmer families, both among the earliest settlers to this area, and of Quaker background.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Historic Resource Survey Form, prepared by Ray Ott & Cee Jay Frederick Assoc.; "The Palmer-Kirkbride House; Research Report on Property Ownership," K. Auerbach & J. Marshall; February 1986 (for BCC).		
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